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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/7/2005 & 1/24/2007.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

The PTOL 1449s of 04/07/2005 and 01/24/2007 have been received, reviewed and considered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see the remarks, filed 10/31/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 8-14 under 35 USC 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of US 2002/0052061 A1 (Fitzgerald) in view of JP 52106380 (Abstract).
3. A new rejection is being submitted since the office action was never received by the applicant's representative.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

6. Claims 8-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2002/0052061 A1 in view of JP 52106380 (Abstract).

Fitzgerald discloses a method of producing a thin film crystal wafer and discloses; a step of laminating required compound semiconductor thin film crystal layers on a semiconductor substrate by epitaxial growth to obtain a GaAs compound semiconductor single crystal, and a step of forming a Si-layer on said GaAs compound semiconductor single crystal by epitaxial growth (Refer to [0021], [0031] to [0034], claims 6 and 7).

The difference being that Fitzgerald fails to teach that the steps are performed in a same epitaxial growth furnace.

The JP' 380 publication relates to a liquid phase epitaxial growth of crystal by a two stage process to produce two epitaxial layers on a substrate in the same furnace (Refer to abstract). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to perform the steps of laminating a first layer to a substrate by epitaxial growth and forming a second layer on that layer by epitaxial growth to yield the predictable result of

producing epitaxial layers of uniform thickness with improved conjunction surfaces as taught by the JP'380 reference.

7. Claim 14 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2002/0052061 A1 in view of JP 52106380 (Abstract) as applied to claims 8-13 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,999,685 (Waldrop, et al).

Waldrop, et al discloses a metal to semiconductor contact such as Au, Cr or Ti that is deposited on a heavily doped p-type layer of silicon. The interface layer is deposited on GaAs (See abstract). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to form a metal contact in the invention of Fitzgerald. The motivation being by the desire of providing a contact for an integrated circuit wherein the Schottky barrier height can be maximized to provide an appropriate as taught by θ_B Waldrop, et al. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Felisa Hiteshew whose telephone number is (571) 272-1463. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Thursday from 5:30 AM to 4:00 PM with Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mikhail Kornakov, can be reached on (571) 272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-1463.

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